

# Visitors are always welcome at Attwater Refuge

Among places to visit in the Eagle Lake area is the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, located in Colorado County about six miles northeast of Eagle Lake on FM 3013.

It is one of 16 national wildlife refuges in Texas and is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

It is managed specifically for an endangered species. Officials remind hunters the refuge is closed to all hunting.

The 8,000-acre refuge was established in 1972 to provide habitat for the decreasing population of Prairie Chickens. Much of the refuge became a preserve in the mid-1960s when the Nature Conservancy of Texas and the World Wildlife Fund purchased about 3,500 acres of tall grass prairie. It was expanded to include a diverse array of habitats including wetland, riparian and others.

The centerline of the San Bernard River forms the eastern boundary of the refuge. Boundary signs mark fences and indicate unauthorized entry is prohibited.

The refuge is home to many species in addition to the Attwater's prairie chicken. Among the migratory species which use the refuge are large numbers of waterfowl, white tailed hawks, crested caracaras and roseate spoonbills.

There is also a chance you may see one of the bison at the Refuge.

Resident species often seen are white tailed deer, armadillos, bobwhite quail and skunks. Several species of snakes also make their homes there.

The general public may observe and photograph many of the species along the refuge's five-

mile automobile tour route and/or two walking trails.

Unfortunately, the chances of seeing an Attwater's Prairie Chic-

ken are very slim due to recent declines in their population.

Tours may be arranged by calling 979-234-3021.

## Are you looking for a lodge?

The Eagle Lake Lodge, located in the "Goose Hunting Capital of the World", offers goose and duck hunting, upland bird hunts, bed and breakfast, fishing and skeet shooting.

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gansers, geese, brant and coot). A valid federal Duck Stamp and HIP Certification are also required of waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older.

•**Turkey Stamp Fee** (Type 119): \$5; required to hunt turkey. Non-residents that purchase the Non-resident Spring Turkey License are exempt from this stamp fee requirement.

•**White-winged Dove Stamp Fee** (Type 126): \$7; required to hunt white-winged doves. HIP Certification is also required to hunt white-winged doves.

•**Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp** ("Duck Stamp"): \$15; required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older; available at

most U.S. Post Offices, all Texas Parks & Wildlife offices and some license deputies. The stamp must be signed on its face by the person using it. A valid hunting license and a valid Texas Waterfowl Stamp fee is also required.

•**Bonus White-tailed Deer Tag Fee** (Type 155): \$10. May be used in addition to or in place of any white-tailed deer tag on hunting license, provided the hunter also possesses a valid Managed Lands Deer Permit, Landowner Assisted Management Plan Permit or permits issued by TPW to persons drawn for special hunts. Purchase limit is five; however, permits may be transferred to another person but not resold or exchanged for considerations.

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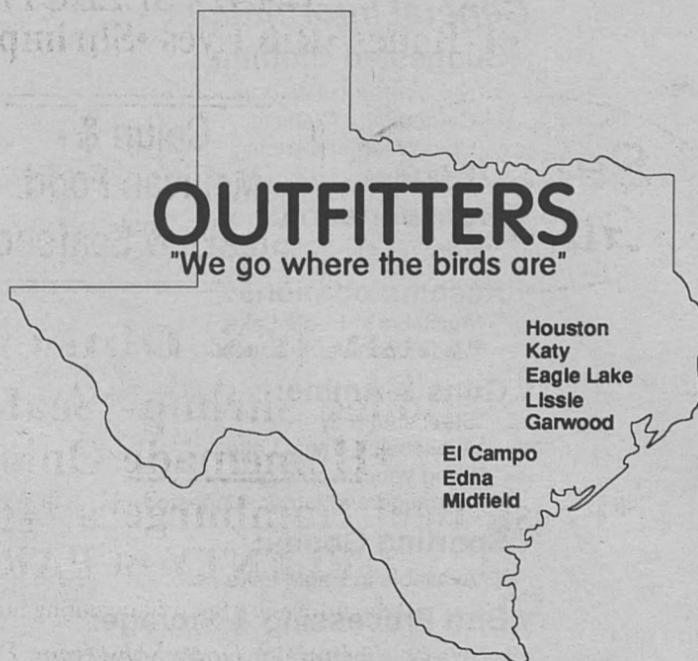
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